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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
April 21, 2011

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 13:30 by President K.M. Isaac and roll was taken.

Those whose names are grayed out below were absent.

Levent Acar, Baojun Bai, S.N. Balakrishnan, Jerry Bayless, Gretchen Brockfeld, Brenden Burke, W.J. Charatonik, Michael Davis, Cassie Elrod, Fikret Ercal, Bill Fahrenholtz, Mark Fitch, Daniel Forciniti, Ron Frank, Steve Grant, Barbara Hale, Lance Haynes, Wayne Huebner, K.M. Isaac, Kurt Kosbar, Bih-Ru Lea, Sanjay Madria, Jim Martin, Michael Meagher, Julia Medvedeva, Glenn Morrison, Mark Mullin, Keith Nisbett, Ken Ragsdell, Robert Roe, Pericles Stavropoulos, Trent Watts, Klaus Woelk, Paul Worsey, Chengshan Xiao

The March 17, 2011 meeting minutes were **approved** as submitted.

II. Campus Reports and Responses

a. President Report – K.M. Isaac

President Isaac reported on the Chancellor search, RP&A, and IFC items.

A motion to release the names of the nominees submitted to the President's Office for the Chancellor's Search Committee was passed unanimously.

The names submitted from Faculty Senate are Kurt Kosbar, Keith Nisbett, K.M.Isaac, and Wayne Huebner.

The names submitted from the General Faculty are Nicholas Leventis, Larry Gragg, Don Wunsch, and Bob Schwartz.

Details can be found at the following links:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/presidentreports/2011/KMIsaac.04.21.11.pptx>

b. Administrative Report – Chancellor Carney III

The Chancellor spoke about the budget situation for next year. Initially it was thought the public education's budget would be cut by 7%. S&T received approval to increase tuition above the consumer price index. The Senate Appropriations Committee recommended a 4.8% cut to public education. If this happens, our cut will be \$1M less than it would have been at 7%.

c. Administrative Report – Provost Wray

Provost Wray gave reports on the offices of Academic Affairs, Global Learning, International Affairs, Undergraduate Studies, Graduate Studies, Sponsored Programs, and Enrollment Management.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/provost/2011/DrWray.FS.Report.04.21.11.ppt>

d. Staff Council Report – Stacy Jones for J. Singleton

Staff Day will be held on June 1, 2011. They are in the review process of nominations for staff awards. The interviews will be taking place next week.

Staff Council will be participating in a blood drive coming up in June.

e. Student Council Report – no report

f. Council of Graduate Students (CGS) – no report

III. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

a. RP&A – Michael Schulz

Michael presented RP&A's response to the motion regarding grievance procedures.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/rpa/reports/2011/RPA.Schulz.04.21.11.pptx>

The RP&A made a motion to approve the changes to the Grievance Procedures.

Jerry Cohen, Michael Schulz, and S.N. Balakrishnan were asked to speak for three minutes each regarding this issue. These individuals attended the special meeting with Vice President Graham and Leona Rubin to discuss the new grievance procedure on March 22, 2011.

Michael Schulz's comments were made previously in the presentation as noted in the URL link above.

Jerry Cohen spoke to keep the present grievance procedures at S&T. The UM System should allow for a dual system if the other campuses want to change the present system. He argued against having an administrator on the grievance board.

S. N. Balakrishnan understood the changes made to the grievance procedures were to expedite the process. With the present system it took a significant amount of time for the process. By keeping an administrator in the process the final decision becomes very fast.

**A motion to approve the changes to the Grievance Procedures passed.
For-12 Against-6 Abstentions-1**

RP&A made the following motion:

Whereas the position of interim chancellor is significant, the FS respectfully requests that the S&T faculty's opinion be considered in the selection of the interim chancellor.

The motion passed unanimously.

RP&A proposed a slate of officer candidates for the 2011-12 Faculty Senate Officers. A nomination from the floor to add S. N. Balakrishnan to the slate for President-Elect was seconded. S. N. Balakrishnan accepted the nomination as President-Elect.

A vote was taken on the President-Elect and S. N. Balakrishnan won the vote. The following slate was **accepted** unanimously:

President- Michael Davis
President-Elect – S. N. Balakrishnan
Secretary- Keith Nisbett
Parliamentarian- Martin Bohner
Past President- K. M. Isaac

Intercampus Faculty Council (IFC)

A motion to accept the following representatives was **passed** unanimously.
K. M. Isaac, S.N. Balakrishnan, and Michael Davis

Missouri Association of Faculty Senates (MAFS)

A motion to accept the following representative and alternate was **passed** unanimously.
S. N. Balakrishnan (representative), Michael Davis (alternate)

UM-Wide P&T Committee

A motion to approve the following nominations submitted by the campus P&T committee to be submitted for vote at the next General Faculty meeting **passed** unanimously.
Gerald Cohen and Ronald Bieniek

The Standing Committee nomination elections will be held at the next meeting in June.

b. Library and Learning Resources-no report

c. ITCC

The committee agreed to postpone their report due to the time constraint.

d. Curricula Committee – Daniel Tauritz

The Missouri S&T Campus Curricula Committee recommends that the curriculum changes and DC0381 be approved. This includes 1 Degree Change (DC), 18 Course Changes (CC) and 5 Experimental Course (EC) forms.

A motion to approve the submitted forms as posted on the web was passed unanimously.

The Curricula Committee asked FS to discuss two general principles related to the DC0383 proposal which raised concern but are beyond the scope of this committee.

- 1) Should degree programs be created which are only offered in a local market (Sri Lanka)?
- 2) Should degree programs be created which are taught, completely or in majority, by non-S&T faculty (American National College faculty), even if said faculty are vetted by S&T?

There was a lengthy discussion and a motion was made to table the motion until the next FS meeting. It was seconded. **The motion failed.**

A motion was made to call the question. It was seconded. **The motion passed.**

A motion to approve DC0383 as posted on the web was passed unanimously.

Details can be found at the following links:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/curricula/2011/Curricula.04.06.11.pdf>
http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/curricula/2011/BS_IT_Program_Proposal_for_Senate_April_11.pdf
<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/curricula/2011/Curricula.Slides.04.21.11.pptx>

IV. Old Business - None

V. New Business – None

The meeting was adjourned at 15:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

James Martin, Secretary